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**Instructions:** Use this form as a cover sheet for any paperwork you may need to submit to the **Office of Public Records** in order to make your Privately Sponsored Post-Travel Submission complete in accordance with Rule 35. **Only complete this form if you need to submit an amendment to a post-travel filing you have already submitted.**

SUBMIT DIRECTLY TO THE **OFFICE OF PUBLIC RECORDS** IN 232 HART BUILDING

Name of Traveler: ROGER F. WICKER

Employing Office/Committee: US SENATE

Travel Expenses Paid by (List all sources): AEI

Travel Date(s): AUGUST 12-15, 2021

Description/Title of Attached Forms: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION  
FORM

Purpose of Amendment (describe the reason for amending original submission): \_\_\_\_\_

original submission did not include approved,  
final form.

3-23-22

(Date)

Roger F. Wicker

(Signature of Traveler)

## PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should **NOT** submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): American Enterprise Institute (AEI)
2. Description of the trip: Gathering for AEI scholars, supporters, national leaders, and notable intellectuals to discuss today's pressing policy issues in an off-the-record setting
3. Dates of travel: August 12-15, 2021
4. Place of travel: Jackson Hole, Wyoming
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: The list of Senate invitees is attached.
6. I *certify* that the trip fits one of the following categories:
  - ☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal **and** no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
  - OR -
  - ☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I *certify* that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
  - AND -
  - ☒ I *certify* that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I *certify* that:
  - ☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
  - AND -
  - ☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

**9. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

- ☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **one** overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

- OR -

- ☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and **two** overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

- OR -

- ☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

**10. USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

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11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

AEI organizes the trip and plans the agenda, while AEI scholars lead panel discussions on policy issues.

AEI is responsible for all the logistical aspects of getting the Senator to and from the conference.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

AEI is a non-profit, tax-exempt, public policy research organization. The retreat seeks to encourage

frank and free-ranging conversations over a number of public policy issues important to today's world. AEI

expects the retreat to inspire ideas that expand human dignity and human potential at home and abroad.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

This is the 5th year of the Jackson Hole retreat. For 37 years, AEI has also hosted the World Forum, a

similar retreat. For each of these, AEI invites a number of public officials to join the conversation.

Members from both the House and Senate regularly attend. 2019 was the last time senators attended.



15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

AEI hosts around 250 public events each year, in addition to distributing other educational materials via online resources, including the AEI website and emails. These products cover a number of topics and seek to encourage the competition of ideas.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$2330 (\$1978 - 2 round trip flights; \$352 - round trip ground transportation)	\$1695 (\$565 per night for 3 nights)	\$1750 (\$875 each for Senator and spouse)	None
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

This trip is arranged without regard to congressional participation.

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

AEI hosts two annual retreats/conferences - the first is held in GA for close proximity to the East Coast.

Jackson Hole is chosen for the second due to its close proximity to the West Coast and Midwest.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Four Seasons Resort, Jackson Hole, WY

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Proximity to meeting location - all programming takes place at the Four Seasons Jackson Hole.

All participants in the event also stay at the Four Seasons Jackson Hole.



21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

Please see addendum at the end of this document.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Round trip commercial air travel - economy class; round trip ground transportation - town car service.

23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

None

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor: 

Name and Title: Bailey Barker, Director, Executive Office

Name of Organization: American Enterprise Institute

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**ADDENDUM****Question 5:**

Invited Senators to the 2021 Jackson Hole Retreat:

- John Barrasso
- Shelley Capito
- Bill Cassidy
- Susan Collins
- John Cornyn
- Tom Cotton
- Joni Ernst
- Tim Kaine
- Joe Manchin
- Mitch McConnell
- Patrick McHenry
- Rob Portman
- James Risch
- Marco Rubio
- Ben Sasse
- Tim Scott
- Rick Scott
- Kyrsten Sinema
- John Thune
- Pat Toomey
- Mark Warner
- Roger Wicker
- Todd Young

**Question 21:**

The cost of meals (\$75/breakfast, \$100/lunch, \$125/dinner; \$100/reception) reflects the catering cost charged to AEI by the hotel. Alcohol is not included. This trip was arranged without regard to congressional participation, and we verify that no special treatment was given to members in either lodging or food. These amounts are higher than the maximum per diem rates for official travel for a variety of reasons. Jackson Hole is incredibly busy this summer and as such all hotel rates and food costs are significantly more expensive than usual. Additionally, there are increased costs associated with hosting an event as the country recovers from a pandemic. The Four Seasons Jackson Hole was chosen as the event location without regard for Congressional participation, and is the lodging option for Members of Congress as well as all other guests. Members and other AEI guests stay at the Four Seasons in order to fully engage with the event – all programming is hosted onsite at the Four Seasons. We have the Members stay at the same location so they can get the most out of their time in Jackson Hole by having easy access to both programming and other attendees.